NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 502 (a), certain statements in the above-mentioned circular accompanying the article were false and misleading. The statements represented and suggested that the article was effective to overcome fatigue and to treat rheumatism, arthritis, neurasthenia, exhaustion, and general debility, whereas the article was not effective for such purposes.

4338. Misbranding of Nervosan device. U. S. v. 60 Devices, etc. (F. D. C. No. 34595. Sample No. 24089-L.)

DISPOSITION: March 12, 1954. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

LIBEL FILED: January 8, 1953, District of New Jersey.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: The devices were imported in 1934 or 1935 by Josef Cornely, from the Medico Co., Munich, Germany, to Newark, N. J.

PRODUCT: 60 Nervosan devices at Newark, N. J., in possession of Josef Cornely, together with a number of booklets entitled "Nervosan—The New Way" and a number of 4-page illustrated leaflets containing statements relating to the device. The booklets and leaflets were printed in Newark, N. J., for Josef Cornely.

The device consisted essentially of an induction coil of interrupting type for the production of a chopped high-voltage and current. The device was capable also of producing ozone.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 502 (a), certain statements in the above-mentioned booklets and leaflets accompanying the device were false and misleading. The statements represented and suggested that the device would insure against the proverbial discomfort of old age; that it was effective in the treatment of high blood pressure, anemia, diabetes, stomach troubles, rheumatism, exhaustion and general breakdown, hardening of the arteries, heart trouble, nerve derangements, paralysis, swollen ankles, varicose veins, growths. emaciation, excessively fatty condition, inflammations of the brain and chest. deficient hearing, epilepsy, inflammation of the eyes, gallbladder ailments, goiter, gout, lumbago, hemorrhoids, ulcers of the stomach and intestines, dropsy, neurasthenia, open legs, sores, infantile paralysis, stiff joints, sexual incompetence, pyorrhea, tuberculosis, bronchitis, whooping cough, influenza, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhus, and pneumonia; that it would supply health-giving force, flooding the entire body with living organism in harmonious relationship with the human nerve system; that it would reinvigorate, soothe the nerves, clarify brain activity, effect healthful sleep, regenerate, restore and maintain health and vitality, afford resistance to disease. break up congestion and disease and convert them to normalcy of nerves, blood, organs, and glands, and liberate from pain; and that it was effective in the treatment of hay fever and sinus and respiratory afflictions, affections of the ears, nose, heart, liver, kidneys, pancreas, skin, and a sore spot in the shoulder. The device was not effective in the treatment of the conditions stated and implied, and it was not capable of fulfilling the promises of benefit made for it. The device was misbranded while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: Josef Cornely, claimant, filed an answer denying that the device was misbranded, after which the Government served upon the claimant written interrogatories which the claimant failed to answer. Thereafter, on April 9, 1954, upon motion by the Government, the court ordered that the claimant's pleadings be stricken and default entered for failure to answer the interrogatories, and that the device under seizure be condemned and destroyed.